



Marinette County Teen Court

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Teen Court Application

What is Teen Court?

The Teen Court panel is made up of high school volunteers who go through training to determine an appropriate sentence for a teenage offender. Teens are selected from throughout Marinette County. Teens will serve on the panel approximately one evening per month. Panel members hear cases of first time teen offenders who commit misdemeanor crimes such as underage tobacco use, theft, or disorderly conduct. These offenders have admitted their guilt and voluntarily enter Teen Court.

How Does Teen Court work?

Cases are presented in the Marinette County Courthouse in front of a panel of teen court members. Everyone in the courtroom takes an oath of confidentiality. The defendant, who has admitted guilt, is questioned by the teen court panel to determine the circumstances of the offense. After carefully listening to the facts, the teen panel comes up with a constructive sentence for the defendant. Examples of sentences could include letters of apology, community service, essays, projects, or workshops.

Teen Court Panel Members must:

- ◆ Be in grades 9 – 12 (2017-2018 school year)
- ◆ Agree to volunteer for at least one year
- ◆ Respect the Oath of Confidentiality
- ◆ Demonstrate maturity and sensitivity
- ◆ Abide by the Teen Court Guidelines
- ◆ Attend training

Benefits for Teen Court Panel Members include:

- ◆ Experience that stands out on job or college resumes'
- ◆ Opportunity to interact with other area teens
- ◆ Role model and Leadership opportunities
- ◆ Chance to demonstrate the positive contributions of teens to our community
- ◆ Opportunity to learn about the judicial system
- ◆ Scholarship opportunities

How can I become a Teen Court Panel Member?

- ☐ Fill out an application available from the Marinette County UW-Extension Office. Attend an interview.
- ☐ Participate in a one day training during the summer provided by UW-Extension & Teen Court.
- ☐ Be ready to begin hearing cases in August or September.

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Name_____ Date of birth_____

School_____ Graduation Year_____

Cell Phone _____ / _____ / _____ text: ☐yes ☐no Home Phone _____ / _____ / _____

E-mail_____

Home Address_____

City State Zip

♦ Briefly describe why you would like to be a member of the Marinette County Teen Court Panel.

♦ What skills do you have that would make you an effective Teen Court Panel member?

♦ Explain in your own words, the importance of keeping the Oath of Confidentiality.

♦ Describe what a role model is. How are you a role model in your school and community?

List the days and times of any extracurricular activities or clubs you are involved in, including work.

Applicant:

If I am selected to be a Marinette County Teen Court Panel member, I agree to serve as a voluntary panel member approximately one evening per month.

► Applicant Signature_____ Date_____

Parent/Guardian:

I have read the above statements and agree to allow my son/daughter to participate in all aspects of Marinette County Teen Court.

► Parent Signature_____ Date_____

► **Applicant:** Marinette County asks that you voluntarily respond to the questions below. The cumulative demographic information will be used to enhance our programming efforts.

Ethnicity: ☐ Hispanic ☐ Not Hispanic

Race: ☐ White ☐ Black ☐ Asian or Pacific Islander ☐ American Indian or Alaskan Native

I identify my gender as: _____

Do you require a special accommodation to participate in any of the described activities? If yes, please describe the accommodation that is needed:_____

Please return application to:

**Marinette County Teen Court
Attn: Kalynn Van Ermen
1926 Hall Avenue
Marinette, WI 54143-1717**

The mission of Marinette County Teen Court is to benefit youth and the community by providing an alternative method of adjudicating first time juvenile offenses, giving youth the opportunity to become accountable for their actions.